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1. APPROACH TO PROGRAM OF WORK OF COMMITTEE ON UNLAWFUL
INTERFERENCE (CUI) SUGGESTED BY CHAIRMAN AS RESULT OF
COUNCIL DECISIONS SEEMS TO US TO BE ENCOURAGING AND CONSIS-
TENT WITH THESE DECISIONS. PACE OF WORK CHAIRMAN ENVISAGES
SHOULD BE SUPPORTED, ESPECIALLY WITH RESPECT TO ENSURING
REPORT OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF CUI TO COUNCIL IN JUNE SESSION,
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AND WE WILL WISH TO ASSURE THAT THIS GOAL OF CHAIRMAN IS

MET.

2. IN DISCUSSION AT ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MARCH 18, U.S. REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD EMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING WELL DEVELOPED SECRETARIAT WORKING PAPERS BEFORE COMMITTEE WHEN IT COMMENCES SUBSTANTIVE CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS REFERRED TO IT, AND SHOULD OFFER TO PROVIDE SECRETARIAT WITH EXPANSION OF U.S. PROPOSALS TO FACILITATE WORK OF SECRETARIAT IN PREPARING WORKING PAPERS. IF THERE IS OBJECTION TO THIS PROCEDURE, YOU SHOULD OFFER INSTEAD TO CIRCULATE FOREGOING TO COMMITTEE MEMBERS AS U.S. NOTE. TEXT IN EITHER CASE WOULD BE ALONG LINES DISCUSSION PORTION OF

EXPANSION ON U.S. PROPOSALS CONTAINED IN A-1149 DATED FEBRUARY 20.

3. U.S. REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD SUGGEST FOR CONSIDERATION THAT THOSE EXPERTS COMPOSING ICAO AVIATION SECURITY STUDY GROUP (WHICH INCLUDES U.S. EXPERTS) BE INVITED TO ASSIST SECRETARIAT IN PREPARATION OF WORKING PAPERS, AND PARTICIPATE IN COMMITTEE'S SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS. YOU MAY CONFIRM U.S. EXPERTS PREPARED TO DO SO.

4. AS SOME PROPOSALS NOW BEFORE COMMITTEE WILL PROVE EASIER TO MOVE AHEAD ON THAN OTHERS, WE SEE SOME ADVANTAGE IN TREATING EACH PROPOSAL SEPARATELY AND LINKING TOGETHER FOR JOINT CONSIDERATION ONLY THOSE PROPOSALS WHICH ARE BY THEIR NATURE INTER-RELATED. FYI: WE WOULD HOPE IN THIS WAY TO PRESERVE CERTAIN PROPOSALS BEFORE COMMITTEE EVEN WHERE IT MAY PROVE TO BE IMPOSSIBLE TO SECURE AGREEMENT IN INITIAL DISCUSSIONS IN THIS SESSION FOR RECOMMENDING THESE TO COUNCIL. END FYI. WORKING PAPERS COULD THEN BE ORGANIZED IN THIS WAY, SOME ADDRESSED TO A SINGLE PROPOSAL, OTHERS TO INTER-RELATED PROPOSALS. IN PROCEEDING IN THIS WAY, HOWEVER, WE WOULD WISH TO GUARD AGAINST NATURAL TENDENCY TO WORK ON EASIER PROPOSALS TO EXCLUSION OF POTENTIALLY MORE IMPORTANT, BUT HARDER, PROPOSALS.

5. WE CONTINUE TO BE CONCERNED THAT PRESENT RESOURCES AND ORGANIZATION FOR SECRETARIAT BACKSTOPPING OF COMMITTEELIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EE'S WORK MAY NOT BE ADEQUATE TO SIZE OF TASK WE HOPE COMMITTEE WILL NOW ENGAGE IN. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR THIS REQUIREMENT TO BE CONSIDERED BY COMMITTEE IN LAYING OUT FUTURE WORK PROGRAM, AND FOR SECRETARY GENERAL TO BE ASKED TO REASSESS SECRETARIAT RESOURCES AND ORGANIZATION FOR THIS PURPOSE. INGERSOLL

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